

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A method whereby an Internet Time Multiplexed Circuit Connection is established enabling data communications at both ends, all nodes between source & destination at predetermined periods [[[the single individual periods of which may be of different time durations at each nodes, due to the different transmission link bandwidths of each nodes]]] are pre-arranged to automatically switch incoming signals to next node without buffering delay/route computation delay, thus establishes a Time Multiplexed Circuit Connection for the whole duration of all the predetermined periods, as in the case where a simplex PSTN dedicated circuit connection has been established.

Claim 2. (Original) A method as in method 1, where the caller & receiving side nodes/ITSP access the Worldwide Connections Manager for the Time Multiplexed Circuit Connections initialisations, monitoring & releases.